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ELEVEN VETERAN EMPLOYEES RETIRE FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY ON JUNE 30, 2002

Parchman – June 30, 2002 marked the closing careers of eleven veteran employees with the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) in Parchman, Mississippi. "It is difficult for me to express in words how great the loss of their leadership will be felt here at the prison," said Superintendent Emmitt Sparkman. "They have provided invaluable leadership at MSP throughout their long and distinguished careers of dedicated service."

June Retirees

Name	Title	Years of Service	
Mike Corbin	Director of Vocation	31	
Nancy Woods	Academic Teacher	31	
Jimmy Childress	Vocational Counselor	29	
J.T.Horn	Correctional Officer IV	28	
Larry Brooks	Correctional Supervisor	24	
Frank Grammer	Correctional Commander	23	
Aaron Mize	Chaplain	18	
Robert Chasen	Chaplain	15	
Gene Rowzee	Food Service Director	13	
Clinton Carpenter	Construction Supervisor	11	
Elizabeth Gray	Postal Clerk	8	

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The combined total length of service for the 11 retirees was 231 years and averaged 21 service years per person. "These employees are to be commended for their untiring service and their loyal dedication to our prison operation," said Superintendent Sparkman. "Their retirement is certainly well earned. It is now time for new leaders to step up to the plate to fill their shoes as we continue our difficult march in the fulfillment of our role of providing custody, care, and supervision to the offender population."

The retirees who had over 20 years with no break in service received watches and plaques. Employees with less than 20 years of service were presented plaques.

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